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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF ARAB TERRORIST INCIDENTS
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1. AT DINNER JANUARY 26 EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR ANWAR CASUALLY ASKED EMBOFF WHAT HIS THEORY IS ON THE EXPLOSION THAT KILLED TWO SYRIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL LAST DECEMBER 31. EMBOFF AVOIDED DIRECT REPLY BUT SUGGESTED THAT THE VERSION IN THE SUNDAY TIMES OF JANUARY 8, THAT THE TWO SYRIANS WERE BLOWN UP BY THEIR OWN BOMB, HAD ATTRACTED THE MOST ATTENTION OF ANY IN TOWN. ANWAR SMILED AND SAID THAT HE TOO ACCEPTED THIS EXPLANATION AS BEING THE MOST LOGICAL, INCLUDING THE THEORY THAT THE BOMB WAS INTENDED FOR THE NEARBY EGYPTIAN TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE. ANWAR INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THE INCIDENT WITH BRITISH SECURITY SERVICE PERSONNEL.

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2. TOMKYS, HEAD OF FCO NEAR EAST DEPT, TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 27 THAT HE DOUBTED HE WOULD EVER RECEIVE A FORMAL CONCLUSION OR DETERMINATION FROM THE BRITISH SECURITY SERVICES THAT THE SYRIANS BLEW UP ON THEIR OWN BOMB. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, HE IS STILL PONDERING WHAT THE FCO SHOULD SAY TO SYRIAN AMBASSADOR OMRAN ABOUT IT.

3. DELEGATION OF ARAB AMBASSADORS RECENTLY CALLED ON FCO MINISTER OF STATE JUDD ON BEHALF OF ALL ARAB LEAGUE AMBASSADORS, EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF THEIR MISSIONS HERE, AND ASKED FOR GREATER PROTECTION OF THEIR PREMISES. JUDD WAS SYMPATHETIC BUT REFERRED THEM TO HOME OFFICE.

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